

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 10, 19 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1-9, 14-15 and 20-26 were previously cancelled.

Claims 11 and 28 have been amended into independent form.

Claims 16, 29, 36 have been amended and the amendments do not add new matter.

Claims 11-13, 16-18 and 28-38 are currently pending.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 11-13 and 16-18 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 11 to be in independent form and include all the elements of the rejected base claim and to correct the informalities noted below. Further, the Examiner has noted that claims 30-35, 37, and 38 are allowed. The Examiner has objected to claim 28 as being dependent upon a rejected base claims but noted that this claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this allowable subject matter. Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim. Also, claim 36 has been amended to recite the proper dependency.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 11-13, 16-18 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Applicant has amended claim 11 to recite a “worm wheel” and has amended claim 36 to recite the proper dependency. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11 and 36 are definite and respectfully requests that the above rejection to claims 11-13, 16-18 and 36 be withdrawn.

IV. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 10, 19, 27, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Japanese Patent 16583. Claims 10 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,993,701 to Arnold. Claims 10, 19, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by French Patent No. 1,256,940 to Rambaud. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10, 19, and 27 have been cancelled and claim 29 has been amended to depend on allowed claim 28. Thus, Applicant submits that the above rejections have been rendered moot and requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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